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KCHIP Working with Schools to Provide Health Coverage

Kentucky is already taking many of the steps the Clinton Administration is urging states to carry out to help children enroll in health insurance.

During an address this week to the National Governor's Association, President Clinton asked governors to use schools to help children enroll. The Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program in the Cabinet for Health Services, has taken these steps to work with schools:

- Using free and reduced lunch applications to identify eligible children and send the family an application.
- Local health departments and Family Resource and Youth Services Centers are distributing information and applications at back-to-school fairs and gatherings.
- School personnel and professional education associations have been sent information.
- Flyers on KCHIP are to be sent to every public school in the state for distribution to students and their families.

In addition, the KCHIP program allows families to fill out a simple, 2-page application and mail it in; no face-to-face interview is required.

CHS had also decided to implement "presumptive eligibility" for KCHIP - another suggestion President Clinton made in his address. This means a provider can treat a child who appears to be eligible for the program, but who has not yet been approved. This allows the child to get needed medical services (for up to 60 days) and allows the provider to be paid for the services regardless of the ultimate decision on the child's eligibility.

KCHIP offers free health insurance coverage to children birth through age 18 who live in families with incomes under 150 percent of the federal poverty line, \$25,050 a year for a family of four.

CHS has established a toll-free number for families to call with questions about KCHIP and to get an application. The number is 1-877-KCHIP-18 (524-4718). For the hearing impaired, call 1-877-524-4719.



Child Abuse Prevention Conference Set

The third annual statewide child abuse prevention conference, called "Kids Are Worth It," is scheduled for Sept. 13-15 at the Executive West Hotel in Louisville.

The conference is sponsored by the Cabinet for Families and Children and its Department for Community Based Services, the Cabinet for Health Services and its Department for Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky, the Governor's Office of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Services, the Administrative Office of the Courts, Kosair Children's Hospital, and Baker Communications.

Conference workshops include Victory Over Violence, Addressing and Assessing Emotional Maltreatment, Daddy Strategy, and Promoting Positive Discipline. Shaken Baby Syndrome, and Community Partnerships for Protecting Children, are among the topics addressed at pre-conference institutes.

Continuing education units will be offered for professionals who work closely with children, including nurses, psychologists, social workers, and child care workers.

Champions for Children Awards will be presented during an awards luncheon Sept. 14. The awards recognize individuals and organizations who helped fight the mistreatment of children in 1998, and will be presented in six categories, including an award for the Child Protective Services Worker of the Year.

For more information or to register for the conference, contact Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky, formerly the Kentucky Council on Child Abuse, at (606) 225-8879, or 800-432-9251. The deadline for registration is Sept. 1.



CHS Prepares for State Fair

By Eva Smith-Carroll, CHS - Communications

It's almost Kentucky State Fair time again. The Cabinet for Health Services will have an exhibit space in the South Wing in the Health Fair area.

The cabinet has found that the State Fair is a great way to connect with Kentuckians and deliver messages about mental and physical health. Last year, more than 30,000 people visited the CHS exhibit.

The State Fair Committee has been meeting since April and has some great activities lined up for kids and grown-ups.

Children will be able get their faces painted and hear about the importance of eating fruits and vegetables; play a Fight Bac Game Board that teaches them about washing their hands; watch a bike safety video, "Professor Helmet on Helmets"; and pay a visit to a life-size fiberglass cow and learn about milk safety.

Their parents will be able to apply for the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program. KCHIP provides free health insurance to uninsured children in families with incomes under 150 percent of the federal poverty level -- \$25,050 a year for a family of four.

Also in the CHS area, fairgoers can take a daily living stress test, get a body composition analysis, and order birth and death certificates. There will be exhibits and information on services for older Kentuckians, early childhood development, teen abstinence, product safety, lead in the home, and other health issues.

The Kentucky State Fair will be held Aug. 19-29 at the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center in Louisville.



Interim Appointments in Child Support

As a result of the retirements of Linda Hammond and Vickie Hardin, effective August 2, Glenda Martin will serve as the acting branch manager for the Program Services Branch and Mary Ann Burgess will serve as the acting section supervisor of the Technical Services Section.

KECC Events Scheduled

CHS Kick-off, Casual Day and Margaritaville – Aug. 24

Shorts and Flip-Flops Day – pay \$1 to wear shorts and flip-flops all day – sponsored by Health Services

Margaritaville – 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., cafeteria – lunch menu features Cheeseburgers in Paradise and faux Margaritas, with music by Jimmy Buffet – prizes for the wildest hats and craziest earrings – sponsored by Health Services



CFC/Workforce Kick-off Carnival – Aug. 31, a joint effort of all staff in the Human Resources Building – food, games, clowns, music, prizes, informational booths with participating charities, and more



Follies Talent

Showcase – Sept. 14, 11 a.m., Health Services Building – sponsored by CFC

For more information, contact one of the following KECC coordinators:

Bonnie Cox	CFC	564-5028
Danny Goins	Workforce	564-5331
Bob McWilliams	Workforce	564-4849
Kelli Ranvier	CHS	564-4527
Deanna Perkins	CHS	564-2642

Sick Leave Needed

John Lundblad of Disability Determinations is hospitalized in Tyler, Texas for open-heart surgery. He will be off work for approximately 6 - 8 weeks and needs donated sick leave. To donate any time, please contact your timekeeper or Rebecca Collins, Disability Determinations Western Region, Elizabethtown, (270) 766-5188.

International Honor Includes CFC/CHS Purchasing Staff

The Kentucky Public Procurement Association has been named the 1999 Mid-Size Chapter of the Year by the National Institute of Government Purchasers. Several CFC and CHS employees were on hand when the honor was announced at the National Institute of Government Purchasers Conference, held the last week of July in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

KPPA membership includes procurement branch employees of both the Cabinet for Families and Children and the Cabinet for Health Services, along with procurement staff of several other state agencies and educational institutions.



Bottom left to right: Joan Graham, A. B. Robinson, Kathryn Lyles, Ann Hall. Top row Left to right: Earl Downey, Jacqueline Watkins, Ken Koester, Terry Hoffman and Sharon Crawford.

Jackie Watkins of CFC's procurement branch serves on the KPPA board of directors and helped compile documentation for the group's nomination for the award. Criteria for selection as Chapter of the Year included member participation in professional classes and forums, percentage of certified members, and educational and scholarship programs offered by the chapter.

"Being named Chapter of the Year is not only an honor for KPPA," Watkins said. It is also an honor for the cabinets' procurement staff because they play such an active role in KPPA."

CFC employees who belong to the group are Larry McKinney, Earl Downey, Ethel Wood, Judith Wilson, Evelyn White and Susan Thurman. CHS employees are Ann Hall, Mary Todd Hart, Larry Liles and Marilyn Glass. For more information on KPPA, see its Web site at <http://www.state.ky.us/agencies/kppa/>.

Has your office or professional group done something great? Let us know! E-mail or call Margaret Davis Harney or Patricia Boler in Communications, (502)564-6786.



Central Office Notes and Activities

- Nominations for **CFC Employees of the Month** are due by the 15th of each month. For more information, or to submit a nomination, contact Charlene Nation of the Employee Services Branch, CHR-5, phone 564-7770. She will also accept nominations sent by e-mail.
- Staff of the **Department for Community Based Services** Commissioner's Office has moved to their permanent location on the 3rd floor, mailstop 3W-A. DCBS division offices will be completing their moves in the next few weeks.
- The **Investment Education Expo**, sponsored by the Deferred Compensation Authority, will be held in Frankfort Aug. 17, 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., at the Capital Plaza Civic Center, 405 Mero St. For a complete schedule, see page 2 of the July 30 *Pipeline*.
- The **Fibromyalgia Support Group** will meet Aug. 19 at 7 p.m. at Highland Christian Church. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend. For more information, call Linda Burke of Health Services at 564-7213.
- The Annual **U.S. 127 Yard Sale** will be held Aug. 19-21. For more information, including designated parking, see the Transportation Cabinet Web site at www.kytc.state.ky.us.
- The **aerobics program** meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 5 p.m. in the cafeteria. Call Beth Bates at 564-4150 for more information.
- **Women in Government Network** will meet Aug. 25, 11:30 a.m., at Columbia Steak House.



Pipeline, a weekly newsletter for employees of the Cabinets for Families and Children and Health Services, welcomes reader comments and contributions. Items for *Pipeline* are due by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday; items for intercom announcements are due by 4:30 p.m. Monday. Call (502) 564-6786 or send information to Patricia Boler at Patricia.Boler@mail.state.ky.us

Aid for Low-Income in Coping with Heat

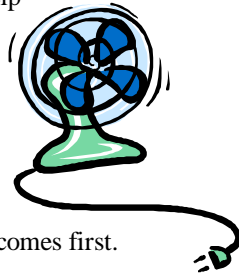
Kentucky has received over \$7 million to help low-income households cope with the heat. The funds will be used to assist with electric utility payments and to provide air conditioners for qualified applicants.

Local Community Action Agencies are taking applications Aug. 9 through Sept. 10, or until funds are exhausted, whichever comes first.

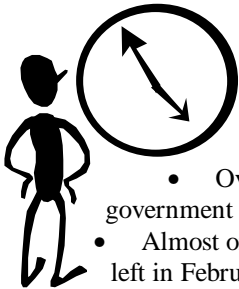
For additional information, contact your local Community Action Agency, the Kentucky Association of Community Action Agencies at 1-800-456-3452, or the Cabinet for Families and Children's Office of the Ombudsman at 1-800-372-2973.

More information is also available in a press release on the media release Web site of the Cabinets for Families and Children and Health Services at http://cfc-chs.chr.state.ky.us/media_releases/media.htm

The elderly face special hazards to their health during extreme heat. For more information, see the press release at the Web site listed above.



Retiring by the Numbers



These attention-getting statistics were reported by Kentucky Retirement Systems in June.

- Over 3,000 employees retired from state government between July 1998 and May 1999.
- Almost one-third, nearly 900, of those new retirees left in February 1999. The figures are expected to climb even higher when the number of retirees between June 1 and Sept. 1 1999 are compiled.
- Between July 1, 1998 and March 1999, KRS filled more than 15,000 requests for the cost of purchasing service, but still had 5,500 outstanding requests by the end of March.
- Employees paid more than \$57 million to KRS between July 1, 1998 and March 1999 to make service purchases.

Because of the months-long wait for cost calculations on purchase of service, KRS is allowing to purchase service at the rate in effect when the request was made.

For more information on retirement matters, see the KRS Web site at <http://www.kyret.com>

Helpful Web Sites



Something new will be added to these *Helpful Web Sites* each week. Remember to bookmark the ones you will want to refer to often. If you've found a helpful site you would like to share in this column, e-mail it to <mailto:margaret.harney@mail.state.ky.us>

General Info

<http://www.kyret.com> – Kentucky Retirement Systems
<http://www.os.dhhs.gov> – U.S. Department for Health and Human Services

Children

<http://www.ncoff.gse.upenn.edu> – National Center on Fathers and Families
<http://www.childabuse.org> – Prevent Child Abuse America
<http://nccic.org> – National Child Care Information Center

Computers

<http://www.msnbc.com/news/171560.asp> – info on computer bugs

Techno Talk

The Tip Line

By Margaret Davis Harney, CFC communications

The discovery of a quicker, easier way to do something on the computer is usually a happy discovery because it means you can complete your work more quickly. Many of the things you do by pointing and clicking your mouse on a menu command can be done from the keyboard. You can save a few seconds in not removing your hands from the keyboard, and those few seconds can add up. Do you know these keyboard shortcuts?

To **copy** selected text or graphics, hold down the CTRL key and the C key at the same time. This puts the selection on your clipboard, and from there you can paste the selection into a number of applications, including a Word document or an e-mail message.

To **paste** the selection you copied, hold down the CTRL key and the V key at the same time. To remember this, think of the V as the mark you use to point to the word you remembered after you had already finished the sentence when you're writing with pencil and paper.

To **delete** a selection, hold down the CTRL key and X key at the same time. To remember this, think of the X as scissors.

Use selection, copy and paste if you have trouble opening the URL's in *Helpful Web Sites* with a click. Select and copy the URL, open Internet Explorer and paste the URL in the "address" section at the top of the Web page, then hit "Enter" on your keyboard.